



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Gary W. Ferrell et al

U.S. Serial No: 09/ 109,460

Group Art Unit:

Filing Date: 2 July 1998

Examiner:

Title: "IMPROVED CHEMICAL DRYING AND CLEANING SYSTEM"

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MISSING ITEM(S)

Dear Sir:

In an Office Action, mailed 23 July 1998, on the above-identified patent application, the U.S.P.T.O. asserts that Figure 5 is missing in the application as filed. This is not correct. Figure 5 appears on page 4 (of 11 pages) of the informal drawings submitted with the application but was misnumbered as "Figure 4." All required Figures were included in the application as filed, but Figure 4 was mislabeled. The Applicants apologize for this error and submit with this response a Request For Approval Of Change of Drawing, addressed to the Chief Draftsperson of the U.S.P.T.O., requesting approval to change the designation of "Figure 4" on page 4 of the submitted informal drawings to "Figure 5."

Date: 23 September 1998

Respectfully Submitted,

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**NOTICE OF OMITTED ITEM(S)**

A filing date has been assigned to the above-identified application papers; however, the following item(s) appear to have been omitted from the application:

- ☐ 1. Pages \_\_\_\_\_ of the specification (description and claims).  
☒ 2. Figures 5 described in the specification.  
☐ 3. Other:

I. Should applicant contend that the above-noted item(s) was in fact deposited in the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) with the application papers, a copy of this Notice and a petition (and \$ 130 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(i)), which will be refunded if it is determined that the item was in fact received by the PTO) with evidence of such deposit must be filed within two months of the date of this Notice.

II. Should applicant desire to supply the omitted item(s) and accept the date that such omitted item(s) were filed in the PTO as the filing date of the above-identified application, a copy of this Notice, the omitted items (with a supplemental oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 referring to such items), and a petition under 37 CFR-1.182 (with the \$ 130 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h))), requesting the later filing date must be filed within two months of the date of this Notice.

The failure to file a petition (and petition fee) under the above options (I) or (II) within two months of the date of this Notice (37 CFR 1.181 (f)) will be treated as a constructive acceptance by the applicant of the application as deposited in the PTO. **THIS TWO MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 (a) or (b).** In the absence of a timely petition in response to this Notice, the application will maintain a filing date as of the date of deposit of the application papers in the PTO, and original application papers (i.e., the original disclosure of the invention) will include only those application papers present in the PTO on the date of deposit.

In the event that applicant elects not to take action pursuant to options (I) or (II) above, amendment of the specification to renumber the pages consecutively and cancel incomplete sentences caused by any omitted page(s), and/or amendment of the specification to cancel all references to any omitted drawing(s), relabel the drawing figures to be numbered consecutively (if necessary), and correct the references in the specification to the drawing figures to correspond with any relabelled drawing figures, is required. Any drawing changes should be accompanied by a copy of the drawing figures showing the proposed changes in red ink. Such amendment and/or correction to the drawing figures, if necessary, should be by way of preliminary amendment submitted prior to the first Office action to avoid delays in the prosecution of the application.

Direct the response and any questions about this notice to "Attention: Box Missing Parts."

Enclosed:

- ☐ "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application," Form PTO-1533.  
☐ Other:

**A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the response.**

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CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAILING

I certify that a Response To Notice Of Omitted Item(s), a copy of the Notice Of Omitted Item(s), and a Request For Approval of Drawing Change for the above-identified patent application are being deposited by me with the U.S. Postal Service for Express Mail service, Express Mail Receipt No. EI113760895US, with postage prepaid and addressed to Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, at San Francisco, California on 23 September 1998.

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